

MINUTES
Town of North
November 12, 2007
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Present were Council members Drew, Binyard, Lane and Gleaton. Also in attendance were Mark Fallaw, Chief of Police, and Carrie Windham, Town Clerk.

Mayor Jeffcoat welcomed visitors.

Mayor and Council members took the oath of office for the current term and were sworn in by Carrie Windham.

Councilwoman Lane made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2007 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Binyard, and upon vote minutes were approved.

Public Comments:

None

Water/Sewer Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water / sewer report for October, 2007 (copy attached). Mr. Jeffcoat did note that we are under a voluntary water conservation request by the Governor of South Carolina. The Town has provided water conservation tips to all customers coming into Town Hall.

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report (copy attached). Chief noted that some of the categories were higher numbers than normal, which was due to the Traffic Safety Checkpoint. Councilwoman Lane presented Chief Fallaw with an award for his accomplishment of becoming Vice President of the South Carolina Police Chief's Association.

Street Scape Report:

Mayor Jeffcoat reported that the town has held two public meetings to discuss the Street Scape project. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business:

- o Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for October, 2007.
- o Jeffcoat gave an update on the status of the annexation, that a few more signatures were being sought, but the deadline for signatures is November 20th, as that will be six months from the date of the first signature.

New Business:

- o Jeffcoat reported the Community of Character Trait for October is Cleanliness, not just of your self, but your yard and town, too. The Town hopes to get the streets cleaned up before the parade on Sunday, November 25, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor's Report:

- o Jeffcoat noted that he presented to 6th/7th graders, 8th graders, and high schoolers at the North Middle and High School on the History of North.
- o Mayor Jeffcoat mentioned that the Town Code provides that three bids should be obtained for all projects over \$5,000. Being in a small town, it is difficult to get three bids on every project so we may need to consider raising that amount which requires three bids.

- Katie at Touch of Class has donated her time and materials to create the Mayor's Wreath to represent our town in Orangeburg. He thanked Katie for her generous donation.
- Jeffcoat also reported that he attended an orchestra presentation at Dover Elementary School. The production was great and the orchestra is coming back in January so once a date is announced the public is invited to attend.
- Jeffcoat thanked Reverend Wright and Joe Gleaton for their hard work in making the North Day of Prayer a success. This event was held at the Town's new facility.
- Councilwoman Lane noted that out of approximately 500 persons registered to vote in the Town of North, only 128 came out to vote. Mrs. Lane encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.
- Jeffcoat also noted the new shadow box for the flag and certificate he received at the Air Force Ball. Councilman Drew will be providing a display cabinet for these items.
- Jeffcoat further confirmed the results of the election that Councilman Drew and Councilwoman Lane are now serving a four year term, Councilman Gleaton and Councilwoman Binyard are serving a two year term, but the next election and subsequent elections will elect council members at four year terms, staggered.

Councilwoman Lane made a motion to call the new Town structure in the Town Square the North Community Pavilion. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Binyard and upon vote, so carried.

Councilman Drew expressed his appreciation at being Mayor Pro Tem for many years, and expressed his desire to share the duty with another councilmember. Councilman Drew made a motion to elect Councilwoman Lane as Mayor Pro Tem, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Binyard and upon vote passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Reverend Wright offered thanks for the North Day of Prayer, and expressed his appreciation for the support of the mayor, council, chief and media. He urged the public to continue to pray for your town. Rev. Wright requested to use the North Community Pavilion next weekend to preach, which request was granted by council.

Councilwoman Binyard invited council and the public to "Friend and Family Day" at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sunday, November 18th.

A concerned citizen expressed concern regarding the North Community Pavilion and the need to establish use policies, to possibly include user fees.

A concerned citizen expressed gratitude for the cleanup progress around town.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Lane made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Binyard. Mayor Jeffcoat adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Windham

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 12, 2007 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Paul Drew: _____

Rose Binyard: _____

Harriett Lane: _____

Aubrey Gleaton: _____